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In re patent application of
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

        Prior to examination of the above-identified
application, Applicants ·respectfully request that the
following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

        Claim 4, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 3"
and insert --1--;

        Claim 5, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 3"
and insert --claim 1--;

        Claim 6, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 5"
and insert --claim 1--;

        Claim 7, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 6"
and insert --claim 1--;

        Claim 8) line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 7"
and insert --claim 1--;